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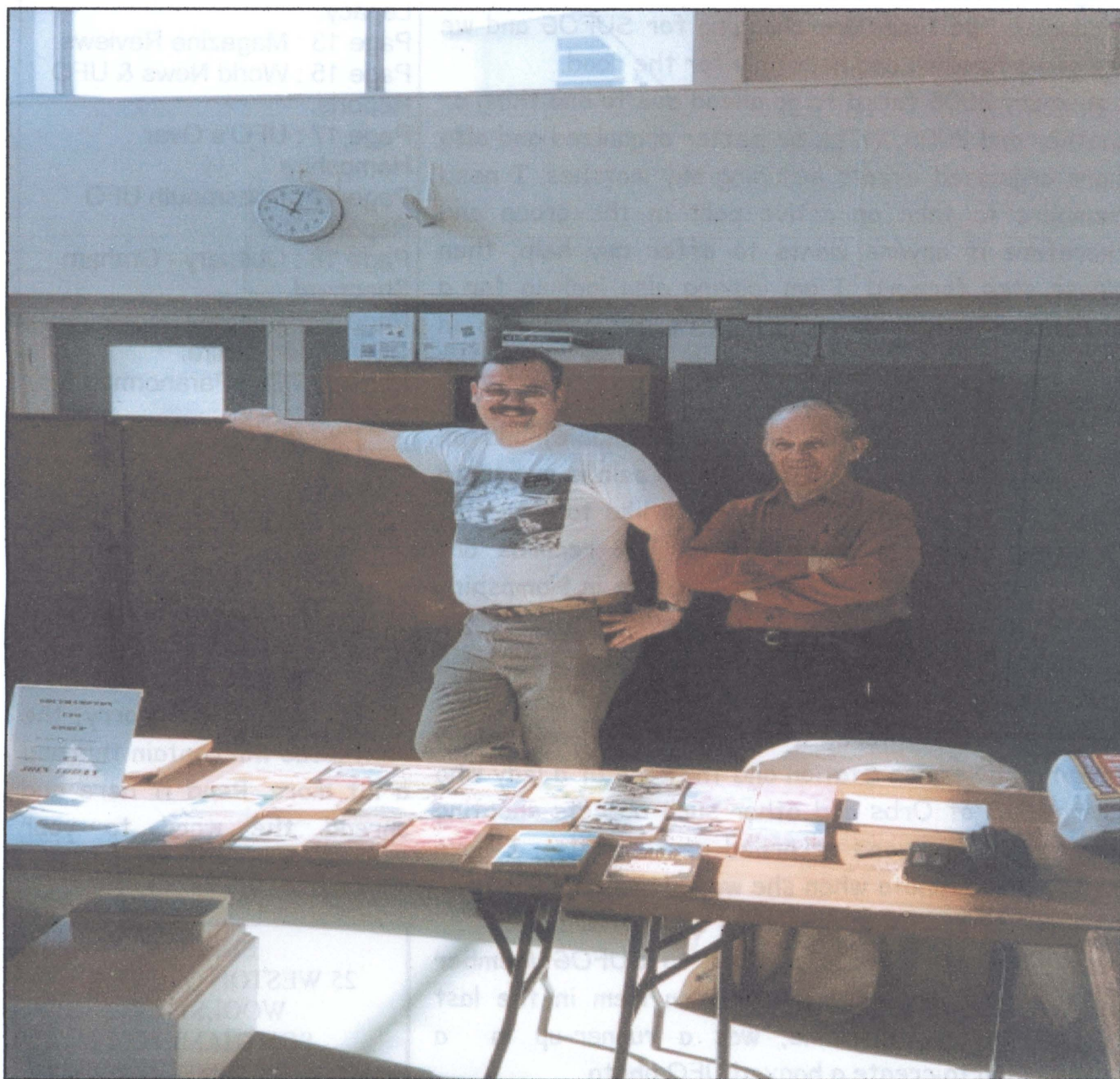
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Steve Gerrard & Ernie Sears at Portsmouth UFO Conference in 1996

Editors Corner...

Our August meeting was a stumper and moved the group forward to 2006. We now have a Director of Investigations and 2 investigators. Also, we decided to change the format of the magazine slightly in layout. As of this issue, the front cover will have an image of SUFOG activity (In Black & White) from our photograph library and images that no one else would have seen apart from a small handful of people. We have also decided to go ahead and produce a group badge that will be available free to members once produced. The times are changing for SUFOG and we are going forward and hopefully for the good.

Avebury 2005 failed to go ahead due to one thing or another and 2006, WILL be better organized and also more organized events including sky watches. I need members to take an active part in the group and therefore if anyone wants to offer any help, then please step forward. I am looking also looking for a group membership secretary. This would involve in keeping our membership records up to date and sending out postal reminders (Envelopes/stamps and renewal notices etc will be made available) and all cheques to be forwarded to me to be paid in our group account. If you feel that you would like to take this on, then please drop me a line. The records are computerized and you don't have to live in Hampshire to do this!

We are currently investigating 2 cases... One of a gentleman (Featured in the last issue of SUFOG) and friend who encountered a UFO at 90 mph on the M3 near Fleet Service Station and the case of a lady who has photos of Orbs and other such objects shooting across the room and recorded on film. Also, I have been shown a photo when she was attacked during the night in bed and show 'scratches' across her back.

Turn to page 25.... Well done to SUFOG Member Mark Easen, who after reading an item in the last edition of the magazine, was a runner-up in a competition to create a hoaxed UFO photo.

This is a very packed issue and I have had to leave a

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couple of items over to the next issue including more remarkable UFO photographs taken by George (Page 3) and updates on SUFOG and UFO reports that I just couldn't fit in this issue. Don't worry, the next issue will contain this and a lot more. Read it here and spread the word to your friends and neighbors.

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SIGHTINGS By Ernie Sears

August 26th 05; Gosport, Hants, resident, "George", was on one of his photographic expeditions on The Hard at Gosport, at 13.44, taking panoramic photos of the Harbour, the shipping, and the newly erected "Spinnaker" on the Portsmouth side of the water. The Spinnaker is a very tall spire like edifice erected, finally finished after a succession of hold-ups, both financial and technical.

George is a fairly new Southampton UFO Group member. and he and I have become acquainted via letters and interesting photos he has sent me...usually of aircraft. He has studied aircraft at shows and in the locality for some years. He is a fair age...possibly a little younger than my eighty one although we never discuss such!

I'm aware, only recently, that he suffers from eye trouble and can only see for about seven feet but has very good close vision.. better than mine. I discovered this quite recently when we arranged to meet at Fareham for a one to one chat, in connection with some amazing photos he sent me.. Cast your eye on them. Yes! Amazing! Remember he's able to point his state of the art camera for "panoramic" exposures, so he didn't KNOW this object . was in view until the prints came out within a few seconds and after he'd observed the scene through his digital camera screen

Currently the SUFOG magazine is the very first to show this to selected viewers ,which caused some discussion, even argument, at the last group meeting.. Your views invited. Generally, (and we have some sceptics among our members!..) ...we seem to know what it ISN' T.

Coupled with this incident, George (who wishes to remain anonymous so far) has given



me some other photos taken a short while ago. Again, interesting, especially in view of it's location, near the Admiralty complex on Portsdown Hill., where both SUFOG sky watches has taken photos of strange objects as have members of other UFO persona,, while reports from the general public have come about over the years; My own first sighting of an apparent UFO being intercepted in vain in 1960 over the hill and complex you may know about..

Lastly., the Portsmouth News published a photo of another UFO in September, taken in daylight over Portsmouth. Consultation by the paper's reporter from Gosport, with our founder and editor Steve Gerrard, got the group a mention and some fresh reports of which more anon, space being understandably limited this issue.

More images in the next edition....

Hi Steve,

Following the article in the last SUFOG newsletter about the msn space race competition, I am pleased to announce that I entered the competition and was awarded a runner prize of an ipod. I attach my picture (fake) which was staged using a plastic UFO model (Testers kit from Sussex Model Centre in Worthing) and edited in paint shop pro to remove the stick. The organisers encouraged fake pictures but it would be good to see some genuine ones.

There is a mention of it on <http://advertising.msn.co.uk/Home/Article.aspx?pageid=171&linkid=1007>

I have not yet seen the winning entry but I will try to track it down.

Best regards - Mark Easen.



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Portsmouth UFO report..

Yet again, another UFO report from Hampshire is reported to another UFO group in AMERICA!!! What do we have to do to let people in Hampshire know that we exist?

Date of Sighting: September 20, 2005

Time of Sighting: 03:29 AM (GMT - Local Time)

Date Reported: September 19, 2005 (PDT)

Location of Sighting: Portsmouth, England
(Southern Coast of England - Facing English Channel)

Latitude: 50.783 Degrees N

Longitude: 1.083 Degrees W

Number of Witnesses: One

Number Interviewed: One

Weather: Clear Skies

Note: The times above may be confusing to some. Portsmouth, England is 7 hours ahead of local time (PDT) in my area. All event times are listed in the time zone of the event, while all report dates are listed in local time (PDT).

Description (in Witness's Own Words): I saw a Gold/orange coloured object appeared to be T shaped shooting across the very clear sky. The moon was full and no clouds were present. I estimate that it covered 20 miles in 4 to 5 seconds. I also saw a pair of shield shaped gold/orange objects low flying at a much slower speed on Thursday or Friday night last week at approximately 11:00 pm. The first thought I had was that it was a pair of swans but there were no wings visible and they travelled much faster than birds on a thermal could. Well that's all I can really recall. I told my wife and

a couple of friends, I have never seen or expected to see objects in the sky before.

Investigator's Notes: The witness provided a full concise report. He references the moon so the object in question could not have been mistaken for the moon. He also mentions previous sightings a few days before. The "T" shape is unusual and obviously could be a conventional aircraft. However, given the witness's report this does not sound like an aircraft. I cannot identify this sighting.

(This follows on from a phone call from the Portsmouth News regarding a UFO photograph of an object over Portsmouth. They are emailing me a copy for me to take a look at ready for an article hopefully to appear in the paper on Monday 26th September... Fingers crossed. In the next edition of the magazine, I will update you on all the UFO activity that we are currently involved in... You will not be disappointed I can assure you!!!)

Elvis Presley UFO encounter in the 1950's

According to Michael Luckman, "The home where Elvis was born in Tupelo, Mississippi, was visited by a strange blue light when the King of Rock 'n' Roll entered this world." Elvis told his friends, "I'm not of this world." He had several UFO sightings that he describes.

Elvis says, "We were away from the camp fire (in the desert) and we saw this light in the sky movin' weird, you know not like a plane or anything like it. And it was different looking than a plane, it got brighter and was comin' closer. Hell, it was

way up there but we could see it on account of the moon and the way it was lit up. It was cigar-shaped, oblong and rounded and had some window portholes on one end and had lights along the bottom, but the damn thing had no wings, no means of a bein' up there at all that we could see."

Elvis continued, "Well we were watching it and the guys at camp started hollerin' cause they all saw it too. And then we all ran to each other and got quiet when we heard the sound it made—it was like electricity buzzing and metallic sound, not like any engine we ever heard and then it got kinda over us, still high, mind you, but up there over us. Our hair began to prickle, it stood up on my arms and on my head and I got this weird feeling like I was about to float any minute." "Alien Rock'n'Roll Exterrestrial Connection."

From: Stuart Miller

Date: Fri, 7 Oct 2005

John Mack Case Sentence Handed Down

I think this is going to cause a few problems in some quarters.

Raymond Czechowski, the man charged with the death of Dr. John Mack in September 2004 while driving a car and under the influence of alcohol was today sentenced at Wood Green Crown Court in north London to 15 months imprisonment. He has also been disqualified from driving for 3 years and will have to take an extended driving test in order to get his licence back.

(So much for British justice.. 15 months in a holiday camp and probably a low security prison and a 3 yr driving ban... Steve Gerrard SUFOG Chairman)...



UK UFO Reports...

UFOs SIGHTED IN DEVON AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE....

On Friday, August 12, 2005, at 12:20 a.m., Emma Whitley was at her home in Westwood, Nottinghamshire, UK when she saw something strange in the sky, approaching from the southwest. "I was sitting in the living room, and I heard a humming noise," Emma reported, "So I looked out the window to see what it was. All I saw was a triangle-shaped object with three white lights at each point (or corner-- J.T.) and a one red light in the middle, flying slowly over the house." "So I walked outside to watch and it must've taken at least five minutes to get completely out of range. It could have been a plane, but I've never seen one like this go so slow before." (Email Form Report) Eyewitness Tim Francis reported, "Yesterday evening (Saturday, August 13, 2005) at approximately 10:30 p.m., there was a series of bright orange moving lights in the sky over my neighbourhood" in Smithleigh, near Plympton, Devon, UK. "They were moving westward from Smithleigh. Initially it was possible it was lights flying together in some sort of formation. It looked like a star constellation until we spotted the lights moving towards us, and some were too bright and too orange in

colour to be stars." "As the lights got overhead, the formation changed, with one of the lights speeding up a bit faster than the others. No noise could be heard from the objects, although there was road noise from the nearby (motorway) A38, which could have drowned out faint sounds." "After the first formation had gone, there came several more objects over the next ten minutes. I think there were two occurrences of two lights together and then two single lights after." "The last object flew over and seemed to be lower than the others. As it got overhead, it seemed like you could make out a rectangular shape, which appeared almost fluid. My friend (there were three of us present--T.F.) said it looked like a jellyfish, I think, because the shape appeared to be changing."

"All of them seemed to have a bright orange light at the front and back, or maybe on top, as you could see the lights when they were coming towards us or going away. But the light was not visible while they were overhead."

Romford Recorder.... 9th September 2005..

Orange UFO sighting

Acacia Avenue has become synonymous with leafy suburbia where nothing ever happens - but that doesn't seem to be the case anymore for one family in the Elm Park road of that name.

For the down-the-to-earth Smalley family, the idea of visitors from outer

space was - well, alien - but they are now having to reassess their ideas after witnessing a baffling light display in the night sky above their home.

It all happened on Monday, August 30, at about 10pm as 53-year-old Janet Smalley was getting a breath of fresh air outside.

She suddenly spotted something in the sky, spurring her to summon her family to the back garden.

Undulating

One of her two sons, Daniel, 25, brought his binoculars with him. He said: "I thought it was a balloon at first - it was orange - but once I looked through my binoculars I could see it was undulating like a jellyfish.

"I couldn't get a clear enough view. The lights seemed to flicker like flames and were bright. The balloon had several little points of light in the centre of it, almost in a triangular arrangement.

"There were three in all; each was about a minute or two apart and appeared in sequence from left to right across the sky.

"They floated off towards Romford over the houses, all the time getting higher and higher. It was like a firework, but its course was too direct. It disappeared into the stars."

Her other son, Alan, 28, and husband Peter, 53, were also awestruck as they watched the amazing lightshow.

The Irish Independent - 29th August Communicating With UFOs 'Is No Longer Stuff Of Science Fiction'

Extra terrestrials are out there and it is possible to communicate with them, delegates attending the second annual Irish UFO

conference heard. Scientist and astronomer Eamonn Ansbro, who has a purpose-built observatory at his home in Kingsland, Co Roscommon, told the weekend conference in Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim of a number of close encounters of an extraordinary nature that he had investigated or witnessed.

A former meteorologist with the British Ministry of Defence who "got into UFOs by accident", Mr Ansbro told of one incident in February 1998 when he was one of a group of six people in a remote valley in Kerry who witnessed what they believe was a UFO.

Mr Ansbro, who believes communication with extraterrestrial life is possible through mental focus or "remote viewing", said that one of the group asked this object to do a figure of eight in the sky which it did. There were no cameras at the scene. Betty Meyler, founder of the UFO Society of Ireland, said UFO sightings had become so common that those who believed in a parallel world were less likely than ever before to be ridiculed. "Of course there are people who ask me am I making sandwiches for the little green men but many people are genuinely interested in recent sightings," she said.

Ms Meyler, also from Co Roscommon, said she has photographic evidence of two recent UFO sightings at Lough Key near Boyle, an area regarded as a 'UFO hotspot'. She said she has received literally hundreds of reports from around the country of UFO sightings some dating back 20, 30

or 40 years when people would have been afraid to tell of their experiences.

"At another time I probably would have been burned at the stake or locked up but this is the age of Aquarius and of enlightenment and people are more open to ideas," she said.

UFOs manifest themselves as unexplained lights that move very fast in an erratic fashion often changing direction abruptly, according to the UFO society. While inviting people from around the country to report any sightings to her, Ms Meyler also cautioned that in the past what people believed were UFOs turned out to be the planet Venus or disco laser lights.

Ms Meyler believes that the time is coming when UFOs and extra terrestrial beings will be obvious to all humans. "We are not ready just yet. People are too scared but I believe they are coming in love to help us."

The Scotsman - 15th Aug 2005

MoD 'Open-Minded' On Alien Encounters

Alien abduction protocols, curried kidney recipes and Navy-issue watches are among the topics of inquiries received by the Ministry of Defence since the Freedom of Information Act came into force at the beginning of the year.

Averaging 300 requests a month, the department has had to respond to some bizarre and tricky questions, including from conspiracy theorists about the MoD's contact with alien life.

While one wanted access to any physical proof held by the MoD of aliens, another asked simply: "Please could you send me a copy of the MoD's policy on alien abduction?"

However, the MoD, despite being as helpful as it could, denied that it had a policy on aliens - or pictures of them.

"The Ministry of Defence does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/ flying saucer'

matters or to the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial life forms, about which it remains totally open-minded," said its published reply.

But UFO investigator and writer Ron Halliday said that MoD was clearly aware of the existence of alien life. "I think they're being very mealy-mouthed about this," he said.

"Back in the 1990s, they revealed that they had been recording UFO sightings since the Forties, and handed the dossier over to UFO experts to investigate."

More prosaic, but equally odd questions, have included requests for a Royal Navy recipe for sauteed kidneys and curried meatballs, a photocopy the new Pulsar aircrew issue chronograph watch, as well as a desire to know what sort of tea is drunk by navy personnel.

Have your say!!!

If you want to tell your own personal experience or story, then please send it to the editor. It can be anything from UFO sightings, Ghosts or any Paranormal event that you think that other readers will like to read. Remember, the magazine is for the members and a place for members to tell their stories.



NEWSPAPER REVIEWS
BY ERNIE SEARS.

THE INDEPENDENT : 30 August : Now That's What I Call The Silly Season :

It's one of the best-loved traditions of the British summer -the string of bizarre and fanciful stories that emerges to fill the gaps in the news pages each August. Ed Caesar looks back in wonder....

RIP UFO .. Since the Middle ages, UFO sightings have formed the beating heart of silly season. But, as The Times, Guardian, and, erm, Independent reported, British UFO-sightings are now in troubled waters. The Cumbrian branch of British UFO Hunters is considering shutting down after a dearth of sightings in the North of England. Chris Parr, of BUFOH, said that sightings in Cumbria had diminished from 60 in 2003, to 40 in 2004, to none in 2005. "It means that the number of people keeping their eyes on the skies is greatly diminished... I put it down to the end of The X Files, a lack of military exercises in the area that would produce UFO sightings, and a lack of strange phenomena."

But it's not all doom and gloom

for UFO-twitchers. The Guardian reported how Russ Kellett, a "UFO researcher" has been excited by the "extraordinary level of UFO activity in Filey, North Yorkshire". Hang on, is that the same Filey, North Yorkshire, where a man spent two days in a gorse bush without knowing how he got there? The same Filey, North Yorkshire, where that man was described as looking "like he had been dropped there by a spaceship"? Reports of the death of UFOs may have been greatly exaggerated.

THE SUNDAY MAIL : 2 October 2005 : STRANGE BUT TRUE: SPACED OUT TOURISTS are welcome in Lajas, Puerto Rico, even if they come from another planet. The sleepy hamlet is building a UFO landing strip to attract little green men and alien-watchers.

DAILY MAIL for Sept. 28th had a good article by Lucy Pringle and a photo of a crop circle taken in Oxfordshire this year. Lucy is a well known expert on the phenomenon and this particular formation is only slightly different to another one seen a year or so ago, which was claimed by some to represent the Mayan "calendar which in turn contained the alleged planetary upheaval or the "end of time".

THE DAILY MIRROR for Sept. 2nd had a full page article and a photo of Russ Kellett who claims he was on a motorbike when he was blinded by a bright light When stopped at a railway crossing. The light vanished and he thought no more about. He left for work the next morning and was amazed when his workmates started to laugh at him. When asked, they said he'd been on the sun bed too long. Looking in a mirror, he saw his face and neck red raw.. Feeling he'd better go to his doctor when he started to peel and blister. Later big patches of skin began to fall off.. But he still has a scar and knows it was caused by his close encounter at the crossroads. He was again out on his motorbike when he noticed a bright light in the sky. A "black tunnel" appeared in front of him. He had no memory of arriving home later, but looking at his watch he realised he was missing two hours. Next day he began to have

flashbacks of standing in a circular room. These continued until he decided, two years later, to set up a support group for others with similar incidents. He says there is definitely something out there. One thing is certain.. They are not human.!

THE SUN...Sept. 13th. "Police on UFO alert," said the headline.. Essex police were baffled after "orange globes" flooded the skies, surrounded with halos of "fire", as scores of residents called for information. A man also reported a triangle of three piercing globes. Police said they were 'not sure what to make of it'.

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH OF October the 5th had a full page on what scientists might expect to find on other far distant planets. Weird creatures were speculated on with even weirder illustrations and dubbed with strange names. Skywhales. Mudpods. To quote one expert; 'Searching for extraterrestrials may be hopeless but it's not a waste of time'.

THE TIMES of Sept. 30th full page article said. In big letters; Government 'secrecy culture blocks freedom of information.' But of course! How requests are stalled, we are told. Civil servants have been given a code of practice called "Neither confirm nor deny"...known to alas "NCND" information requests are some three months behind for even acknowledgements. They are told to refuse to say whether they even possess the files requested..

ALL ONE CAN SAY IS " NOT GOOD AT ALL" eh?.....

The Weston Mercury 16th September 2005... UFO Spotted Over Worle... In a

scene straight out of the X files, residents in Worle spotted a UFO hovering over their neighbourhood.

The long flat grey object was seen suspended in the clear sky above the Spring Hill area on September 2.

Dennis Owen, of Edgecombe Avenue, saw the object at about 3.30pm.

The 70-year-old former aircraft inspector at British Aerospace, Filton, said: "It seemed to suddenly appear and was in silhouette. I saw a BA146 aeroplane fly in its vicinity.

"At first I thought it was a weather balloon but it was the wrong shape.

"When I looked at it with my neighbour's binoculars, I saw it was not undulating in the way a balloon would be. It was impossible to say how big it was or how fast it was moving.

"It had no windows or protuberances and after about half an hour, it rose up through the thin clouds and disappeared.

"I would not use the phrase unidentified flying object but I do not know what it was."

Neighbour Ray Parson, of Edgecombe Avenue, also reported seeing the UFO.

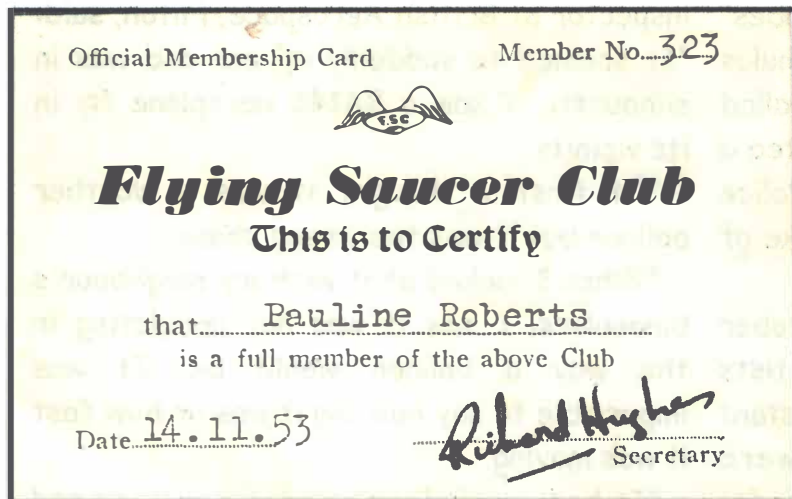
A spokesman from Bristol International Airport said no unusual objects or near misses with any aircraft had been reported over Worle at that time.

Send in your press cuttings.

If you come across a newspaper article from where you live, please forward it to the editorial address. We like to keep abreast of the news from where you live and also keep a abreast of UFO activity up and down the country. No matter how big or small, we want to know about it!!!

Pauline Roberts Legacy.

A little while ago I received a phone call asking me if I wanted their late mothers UFO collection. They had contacted various NATIONAL UFO groups, but they all declined. I said yes as the person was local and they had lived in Southampton. The items arrived on the 1st of October and boy, what a surprise.



Among magazines from the 50's was an extensive collection of press cuttings from 1950 - 2001 and a few personal items, letters from Arthur Shuttlewood, a personal UFO diary and more. I will feature some of these items in the magazine and also at our group meetings. Just thinking about other UFO groups turning this material down (and it was destined for the bonfire) makes my blood boil. We have saved a collection that otherwise would have been lost for ever.

SUFOG Meeting : 21st September 2005.

Just a quick thank you to Roger Anderton for his excellent talk on Anti Gravity and the excellent video about Germany and the Nazi Flying Saucers. Well done.. The meeting was a great success and I hope that we can build on this. We had 2 new members and 2 visitors and we had an interesting evening also looking at a recent set of photographs sent to our PRO Ernie Sears.

SUFOG DIARY - 2005..

**19th October :
Mystery Animals...**

**16th November :
TV based UFO Special...**

**14th December :
Famous Cases...
Christmas Party.
American Supper.
Please bring some food.**

**January 2006 :
Cattle Mutilations
(Not for the feint hearted)**

**Meetings :
CIU Club,
Victoria Road,
Netley Abbey.
Southampton.
7.30 p.m. - 10. p.m.
£3.00 to cover room hire.**

Please contact the Editor before the above dates to confirm that the Sky Watch / Meeting are still going ahead. This is because Sky Watch's are likely to be cancelled / changed due to weather conditions, and other commitments that the editor is not aware of at the time of publication of the newsletter..



MAGAZINE REVIEWS
BY ERNIE SEARS.

After another frustrating half hour or so wrestling with my newish repaired computer after it had blown a chip up I've given up the temperamental email programme and our obliging Editor Steve is bringing over a floppy disc tomorrow and this will hopefully solve the programmes so let's begin with the bright cheerful:

OVNI, Omar Fowler's Journal of the Phenomena Research Association...subtitled "At The Cutting Edge". His dramatic Editorial says "Apocalypse Now" and muses on the pull of the Sun and Moon on our tides and our "Earth changes", high tides, etc etc.

The Sept/Oct issue covers the recent UK Flying Triangles, ancient prophecies... and current sightings of TWO triangles in formation on the 9th of August over Penzance seen by Dave Gillham and two members of the Cornish UFO Research Group. Dave took two pictures of them... his camera beeped twice.. but NOTHING showed when developed. It worked fine afterwards! An FT over Ireland in 1983 inspired the coloured

drawing in OVNI. Submersible craft that smashed through 40 feet off ice at the South Pole witnessed by a scientist. Another such tracked for four days down to 27,000 feet.

Margaret Fry's book "Who are they" given a nice review... 'more readable than most'.. urges me to stop and BUY IT! Omar's only criticism is that it jumps around every so often and the proof reading could be better. Items I must bear in mind when, if ever, my own increasingly massive tome is finished and maybe published after some 20 years of writing and re-writing! Lincolnshire flying triangle sightings July 05 comes next.. Two such in eight days. Another similar craft over Wakefield, west Yorkshire, back in 1995, 9th August. Impressive drawing to boot. three pages.

An Australian Report headed "Top Secret Queensland UFO sightings" has come to light, apparently, that took place in 1958! While an even older report of a "sea Monster" comes into view after being found at the bottom of an old drawer...published in the "News of the World" 10th April 1870. Ovni's back page has an interesting photo of a increasingly brilliant object that appeared to be heading behind the Moon and only visible for 20 seconds. Photographed. in the Manchester area and published in the Metro newspaper (Manchester?) May 18th 2005.

OK...OVNI now priced at £2 plus postage from 94 The Circle, Sinfen, Derby, DE24 9H, bi-monthly.

UFO MAGAZINE hails from the USA and is a newish glossy sent to our Steve and is impressive.. 80 pages thick...and a peep at several Conferences there show the differences twixt them and us in the UK...one, for example, lists top of the range speakers as Jacques Vallee, Stanton Friedman, Brad and Sherry Steiger, Betty Andreasson (Luca), Brent Raynes, Gregory Little, and John Van Auken. Contents include Publishers and editors notes, Letters. Book reviews (Seven!) Conferences, Exopolitics, Article by our very own Nick Redfern, Mars "frozen pond" photos, Meiers photos outstrip any hoaxer, Project Glow, New Zealand Facts forward 1978, Brazil's hostile UFO's, etc etc etc. Santini's "Alien" Autopsy Inquest by Phillip Mantle Crop Circle Country, Secrets of the Great Pyramid, and so on. Subs run from the US \$39.99 for six to \$69.99 for 18...not sure if that's in bulk or what or maybe three years in advance for bi-monthly if my mental arithmetic is right.

RAPPORT is, as you may know by now, the bi-monthly

magazine of the late Ken Phillips Witness Support Group, based in London, Editor Mike Rutter, founded by abductees in 1990. Sub title of the classy front page is "Enlightenment" which sums it up I reckon.. Contents include Mike's editorial on Princess Diana's death, (This issue anniversary of her death). Hurricane's Katrina and Tsunami. The London bombing in July and that changing statue of the Madonna near Naples. Other issues, items, in Rapport, include crop circles, spiritual warning/warming, my own column, (THREE PAGES!) New Earth changes, New Earth Rises, the Aricebo Radio Telescope, Report from OZ, Interesting crop circle photos and explanations, heading The Arcturians. A message from the Galactic Federation, etc etc. A mix that represents the members views. Suggested donations \$2....Written and produced by people who have had a "Close Encounter". Printed in colour.

MAGONIA...."interpreting Contemporary Vision and Belief," August 2005, and it's advisable to take with a pinch of salt in my personal opinion. Editor John Rimmer. Andy Roberts opens the contents with an in-depth review of the Findhorn Community...four pages! Extra interesting to me' cos I "belonged" to this mystic but very caring place and was in communication with it's "Leaders" if that's the right word, having "become" a healer etc after several close encounters in the seventies....including "abductions"...one which my then wife shared., and in fact, I was intending to spend a spiritual period at the place where I was booked to help with my then painting and decorating trade. So I was acquainted with patrons such as Shirley McLaine, Sir George Trevelyan, and. briefly with others. Andy Roberts does a fair job and somehow manages not to cast any aspersions on the admitted mixture of spirituality, "flying saucers". the nature "spirits" that made Findhorn famous.. (or infamous?) at this

rather bleak "New Age" centre on those Scottish shores where all kinds of people joined to create a freedom and a communion with Nature.. Featured on TV quite recently where I thought the spirit of the place came over very well, still. Having my own small UFO group by then I could relate to sharing the strange experiences we were all three having in our lives.

That Aztec, New Mexico, alleged "landing" or "crash" of a UFO in 1948 remains, like Roswell, an enigma, to many. **MAGONIA** writers Michael McClellan and Matt Graeber use the late McClellan's draft essay.. one of several he wrote for **APRO** during the late seventies. Must say the names that sprung up after all this time, amid the collection of stories, allegations, hoaxes, etc...Silas Newton, Dr.Gee, Scully, (yeah!) still makes me wonder what **WAS** the truth. Another **MAGONIA** article also wonders the truth about the edge of space experimental fighter aircraft the X15 whose pilot alleged he'd gone missing on a flight 'cos he was taken aboard a UFO. There you go! Subs to **MAGONIA** are £9.50 for six issues from John Rimmer, 5 James Terrace, Mortlake Churchyard, London, SW14 8HB

PSYCHIC NEWS for October 1st had a lengthy article by columnist Kay Hunter on UFOs and the possible connections with the spiritual dimensions.. She quotes Jenny Randles with a story of a car stop and subsequent abduction of a couple in Suffolk, struck by a beam of light and losing three hours .Later, the woman found she was no longer able to have children. Kay Hunter says she believes near death experiences are similar to abductions and quotes Whitley Streiber on this.. But Kay finds it hard to believe that creatures from space are hard to believe. I shall be attempting to put her right!

OK can't find any more magazine wise so will move on to sightings ...after lunch!

World News & UFO Reports...

The China Daily - 9th September 2005 UFO Enthusiasts In Dalian For Conference

DALIAN: Are they science nuts or are they just being hypnotized by an overdose of science fiction movies?

A cult-like crowd gathered yesterday morning in Dalian, a port city in Northeast China's Liaoning Province, to open the 2005 World UFO Conference. It is the first time the event has been held in China.

The obsession with UFOs (unidentified flying objects) has created the largest community of enthusiasts in the world. The number now exceeds half of the world's total number of intellectuals, claimed Sun Shili, chairman of the conference.

The wide availability of cameras and camcorders has made "comparing notes" much easier and more exciting.

Gu Qingwen, a member of the Beijing UFO Society, showed China Daily a video segment on his mobile phone. The footage, purportedly taken in Beijing's Longqingxia District on Lunar New Year's Day, shows a sun-like object in the sky - large, round and shining. However, it did not cast a shadow on the ground, said Gu, a 37-year-old taxi driver.

Unsurprisingly given his line of work, he has other tales to share: One night in late 2003, after he had dropped off some passengers in Yizhuang District, he felt a sudden headache. "I pulled over. Then, out of nowhere, a beam of strong light shone on me, and I passed out. When I reopened my eyes, I found myself on another street."

If you cannot trust the words of a Beijing taxi driver, rest assured that there are many bona-fide scientists enamoured with

UFOs.

For example, in Dalian's UFO Society, 90 per cent of the 400 members have college degrees. "It's exciting for us to use science to decipher UFO sightings," said Zhou Xiaoqiang, secretary-general of the Beijing UFO Society.

Most of those who come to the conference believe that extraterrestrials do exist and that they are more intelligent than us human beings.

"Ufology is blossoming in China, and the participants are mostly professionals," said Stanton Friedman, a US nuclear physicist.

Nowadays, the public does not need much UFO awareness training, as the reporting of sightings is frequent. However, the conference has some surprises up its sleeve: It is offering up two witnesses of "encounters of the third kind."

Eleven years ago, a youth named Meng Zhaoguo from Northeast China's Heilongjiang Province claimed he was attacked by aliens and taken to their flying saucer. "The kind of things I saw and heard there were incredible," he said.

In 1977, Huang Yanqiu was a 21-year-old villager in Hebei Province when he claimed he "vanished three times" in one night. The last time was around 9 pm when he fell asleep in the courtyard. When he woke up at midnight, he found himself 1,200 kilometres away at the plaza of Shanghai Railway Station.

There will, no doubt, be much debate about the authenticity of these stories at the meeting in Dalian. However, one suspects that the truth may well be less

strange than the fiction.

The Nation - Bangkok, Thailand

Sep 09 2005

Villagers Claim ET Sighting

Chiang Rai - Villagers claimed they today (Friday) morning witnessed an "alien" or extra-terrestrial being which appeared like a small-body man with large head and about 70 centimetres tall.

Over 10 residents of Huay Nam Rak Village in Mae Jan district's Tambon Janjawa said they saw the ET today morning in a rice field outside the village.

Sawaeng Boonyalak, 35, said he heard from friends that they saw the alien so he rushed to see it.

"The alien is about 70 cm high and has yellow skin and flat chest. Its mouth is very tiny. It has bald big head with big eyes and big ears," Sawaeng said.

He claimed that several villagers also witnessed the ET at the same time with him.

Sawaeng said the alien wandered around in the field for about an hour without caring the villagers who were looking at it.

"Suddenly, the alien floated to a tree top. After more villagers came to see it, it floated into the sky into the bright light," Sawaeng said.

He said villagers did not find any foot print of the being in the area.

Buakaew Intaweng, 59, said she initially thought the alien was a doll but it could move around.

Mae Jan district chief Wisit Sitthisombat said he interviewed over ten villagers and they consistently testified about sighting the alien.

"I asked them to draw what they have

seen and the picture came out similarly," Wisit said.

INEXPLICATA

The Journal of Hispanic UFOlogy

September 15, 2005

A major UFO sighting took place in Mexico City only a few minutes after an official event involving Mexican President Vicente Fox had taken place.

According to information from Gerardo Martinez Fernandez, a reporter from Grupo Imagen, the executive inaugurated the dining room of the "Reino Unido de Gran Bretana" primary school located in the Aztec capital's Col. del Valle district.

Only a few minutes prior to the first citizen's arrival, many witnesses were able to see a shining spherical object in the sky. An anonymous girl granted an interview to the reporter in question and the young lady explains on audio that the object resembled a very shiny star.

Gerardo Martinez stated verbatim:

"On Tuesday, September 13 I covered an event involving President Vicente Fox between Calle Parroquia and Av. Coyoacán. We arrived at 9:30 a.m. and managed to film some people directing their attention skyward. Upon getting out of our vehicle, they told us they were watching an unidentified flying object. Personally, I didn't get to see it, but I asked other reporters if they knew anything about this strange event and Jesus Cardenas from Televisa told me that his cameraman had indeed got it on film."

It should be noted that Gerardo Martinez was the first reporter to make known the February 14, 2000 sighting [The Azcapotzalco CE-II -- editor's note]. securing firsthand interviews with the police officers involved. This distinguished reporter is a key player in Mexican UFO research.

UFO'S Over Hampshire...
(Isle of Wight 1950 - 2002) (Part 5)

DATE : JULY 1989
LOCATION : WOOTON
TIME : 23.55HRS
WITNESS : MRS SMITH
BRILLIANT OBJECT IN SKY. ROUND AND A MASS OF LIGHTS. WENT RIGHT OVER HOUSE.
SOURCE : GLOBAL MAGAZINE JUNE/JULY 1997
ALSO UFO MAGAZINE MAY/JUNE 1999

DATE : 12 SEPTEMBER 1993
LOCATION : FRESHWATER
TIME : BETWEEN 17.30 HRS & 17.40 HRS.
WITNESS : MRS BRYAN
SAUCER SHAPED, BIG AS A LARGE RADAR DISH
RED/ORANGE LIGHTS ON BOTTOM. TRIANGULAR
WINDOWS ALL THE WAY AROUND WITH
ORANGE & GOLD LIGHT COMING FROM THEM.
UFO KHAKI COLOUR, TOP METALLIC GREEN.
OVERHEAD HEARD A SOOTHING, HARMONIC
ENGINE SOUND.
SOURCE : GLOBAL MAGAZINE JUNE/JULY 1997
ALSO UFO MAGAZINE MAY/JUNE 1999

DATE : 15 JANUARY 1994
LOCATION : EAST SPITHEAD
TIME : 18.00 P.M.
WITNESS : COASTGUARD
ALTITUDE : 8,000FT. HOVERED FOR 12 MINS AND
RAPIDLY DISAPPEARED. 18,550 MPH..
MAP REF SZ 663 968
SOURCE : SPI MONTHLY MAG NO 4

DATE : AUGUST 1994
LOCATION : MILL ROAD YARMOUTH TO
FRESHWATER TRACK.
TIME : 20.00HRS
WITNESS : FATHER AND SON.
VERY BRIGHT LIGHT, JOINED BY FOUR MORE AT
1,000FT OVER BRIGSTONE DOWN. SIGHTING
LASTED FOR FEW SECONDS BEFORE THEY
VANISHED.
SOURCE : GLOBAL MAGAZINE JUNE/JULY 1997
ALSO UFO MAGAZINE MAY/JUNE 1999

Hampshire UFO yet again NOT
reported to us, but to a Canadian
UFO Group!!!

PORTSMOUTH -- On September 4, 2005, we had the most awful thunder storm at 9:00 PM, and we don't usually get storms that often. We had three in two weeks. We drove to the sea to watch the storm and I shot some storm video on my digital camera and when I viewed them on my PC, I was astonished at what was on it. The video was pointing out to sea as a ferry sailed past and a UFO like object was captured. I am not sure if it is a UFO but whatever it is, is very strange.
Source : <http://www.hbccufo.org>

It makes it all worth while...

I recently received a letter from group member Jo Stone who said.. 'Congratulations on an excellent magazine. It is just getting better and better. There is so much information in it that I have to read and re-read it now to take it all in'...

When group members say things like this (and I must admit, it is not very often!), it makes me feel like carrying on and getting the group and our publication out there and to reach as many people as possible. Please, if you know anyone that would be interested in our publication, then pass it around. We only have a current membership of 32, but with your help, I am sure we could double that.

Steve Gerrard (SUFOG Chairman)

Graham Sheppard 1943 - 2005

An Appreciation by Timothy Good

Graham Sheppard, former British Airways captain and long-time student of the UFO phenomenon, died on Wednesday 24th August at Torbay Hospital, Devon, aged 62, following complications arising from myelofibrosis, a chronic disease of the bone marrow. He is survived by his wife Margaret, and Ian and Richard, his sons from a previous marriage.

Born in Pembrokeshire on 11th December 1942, Graham began his career in the early 1960s as a telecommunications engineer, including work on a modem - in those days the size of an average room! - which entailed signing the Official Secrets Act. He also worked at what is now Goonhilly Satellite Earth Station, Cornwall. In 1966 he graduated as a qualified commercial pilot at the then British European Airways (BEA)/British Overseas Airways Corporation College of Air Training at Hamble, Southampton, to fly as First Officer on the Vickers Vanguard airliner. Coincidentally, Graham had been First Officer in a Vanguard chartered by the London Symphony Orchestra on our return from Budapest to London, following a series of concerts with André Previn in Europe in September 1970. Graham told me that our post-tour celebrations in the cabin were causing concern on the flight deck to the extent that he ordered us to sit down and fasten seat belts due to 'anticipated turbulence'.

Graham's 50-year interest in UFOs was kindled by a sighting in Wales when he was about eleven years old. I became

acquainted with him in 1989, after he'd written to tell me that Above Top Secret had rekindled his enthusiasm, which had wained in the early 1970s. He told me about his two, now well-known sightings in 1967, the first during a flight from Scotland to London, following a radar alert advising the crew of 'high-speed opposite direction traffic, identity unknown'. Within seconds a very fast shining disc, about 30 metres in diameter, came into view on a reciprocal track, below and some 300 metres to the west of the BEA Vanguard airliner. As First Officer in the right-hand seat, Graham had a crystal-clear view of the disc as it shot past. Later that year, on a night flight from Gibraltar to London, he and the crew of a Vanguard were 'treated to an extraordinary display of two very aerobatic UFOs whose presence was confirmed by Bordeaux radar'.

Graham flew with BEA as co-pilot on the Vanguard Merchantman (the cargo variant), the BAC 1-11 jet airliner, then took a two-year sabbatical in Africa in the mid-1970s, first with the Zambia Flying Doctor Service out of Ndola, then with Air Malawi flying the Islander on domestic routes, and the BAC 1-11 475 as co-pilot on the international network. In 1979, the now merged British Airways (BA) moved Graham to left seat as Captain of the Vickers Viscount, followed over the remainder of his period with BA by command of Boeing 737, Boeing 747 Jumbo, Boeing 757 and 767, ending in December 1994 on the Airbus A320. His 'retirement' included a year's contract flying the Boeing 767 for Alitalia, and a year on the Boeing 747 Classic for Cathay Pacific Cargo.

Although Graham was 'carpeted' by BA's chief pilot for the media exposure

following interviews in the 1990s about his UFO sightings, it is due in no small part to him that the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) now takes pilot sightings of UFOs more seriously than it once did, particularly those involving 'near misses'. In 1995, he briefed the CAA's Joint Airmiss Working Group, advising that 'the commercial sensibilities of the airlines should now be set aside... Otherwise this discrete and notifiable hazard to aircraft safety will continue to be concealed and gratuitously omitted from the briefing syllabus.'

In my book *Unearthly Disclosure*, Graham describes the alarming 'lateral displacement' which befell him in March 1993 while flying a Cessna 172 from San Juan to Mayagüez, Puerto Rico. Shortly after over flying the Arecibo radio telescope, he suddenly found himself 25 miles to the south, and about to infringe restricted airspace. On two occasions, in 1998 and 1999, Graham and I hired the same plane to fly the same route, but we were unable to come up with a conventional explanation. 'In 14,000 hours of flying worldwide, I have never experienced such a bizarre and unnerving incident as this one,' wrote Graham.

Graham was a consummate 'pilot's pilot' - his smooth landings appreciated by colleagues and passengers alike. But he enjoyed the occasional deviation from routine. After the Falklands War, he took the first flight out of Buenos Aires and initiated a 'fly-past of friendship' before government ministers, military officials and VIPs, taking the trouble to make the cabin address in Spanish. And during his Australian posting with BA, he once effected a 'figure-of-eight' over Ayers

Rock for the benefit of passengers.

In Puerto Rico, I shall never forget our wonderful flights - especially those involving extremely low-level passes over the coast, and the euphoric 'stall turns'. There was also the occasion when he greeted my then girlfriend and me over the FM Air band as he flew a BA 757 above our flat in southeast London, in the landing pattern for Heathrow. Graham's multiple talents were extraordinary. He had acquired all skills relating to the restoration of buildings, and was an accomplished musician: an excellent jazz clarinettist and saxophonist, he also played the cornet, flute, guitar, mandolin - and even the penny-whistle! He was also a skilled wordsmith. A noted raconteur, his wonderful wit and sense of humour never let him down - even up to his last days. He was a philanthropist, and always generous in his judgment of people. He endured uncomplainingly the extremes of discomfort that he suffered in the last few years with fortitude, seldom allowing his condition to get the better of his heavy workload and social life. I shall miss him, not only as a close friend but also as an irreplaceable principal research associate.

Bon voyage, Captain!



Church Crookham, Hampshire...

There have been three alleged sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects and one reported alleged Alien Abduction in the locality of Church Crookham in Hampshire.

he first recorded incident happened early in the morning of the **26th October 1967** on the A.32 road at nearby Hook, a mini - bus being driven by a Mr. W. Collet, began to misbehave, with the vehicle's radio and electrical equipment failing. Eventually, the van stopped and Mr. Collet got out and began to look under the bonnet for any obvious faults. It was then that he first noticed a dark shape hovering in front of him. When the engine re-started, Mr Collet was able to carry on his journey, but only to have the same failure further along the road. He again got out of the vehicle, but this time felt a pressure change and his eardrums became painful. There was also a smell of burning. Looking up, Mr Collet again observed the dark shape, which he describes as being about 50 feet high, until it flew away. The mini-bus was then re-started again, and Mr Collet was able to continue his journey..

In the afternoon of **August 27 1979** at nearby Blackbushe Airport, a flight instructor flying a private plane observed a very small object in two portions, within a few feet of his aircraft. The UFO was later described as being "with a split, like a joining line, in the middle. Two short aerals were at the top, near the periphery, and there seemed to be two clasps near the dividing line"

The very next day at Blackbushe Airport, and again in the afternoon, another flight instructor flying a private plane claimed to observe a very small object within a few feet of his aircraft, it was travelling about 150 miles per hour at an altitude of 800-1000 feet.

On the 12th of August 1983 along canal path of the Basingstoke Canal towards Aldershot, Mr. Albert Burtoo, aged 77, was night fishing.

In the early hours, at about 1.00 pm Albert saw a bright light, which he considered to be from an army Helicopter, a fairly common sight in this area at the time. The object from which the light emanated landed on the towpath of the canal, and a few minutes later two beings about 4.5 feet tall wearing overalls with visors covering their faces approached him. They gestured to him to follow them. Albert was led to a round object projected out across the canal from the towpath, and they all entered the craft.

Albert was asked his age and told to stand beneath an amber light, but it appears that he was rejected by the Aliens who cited that he was too old and infirm for their purposes. He was then released and returned to his fishing.

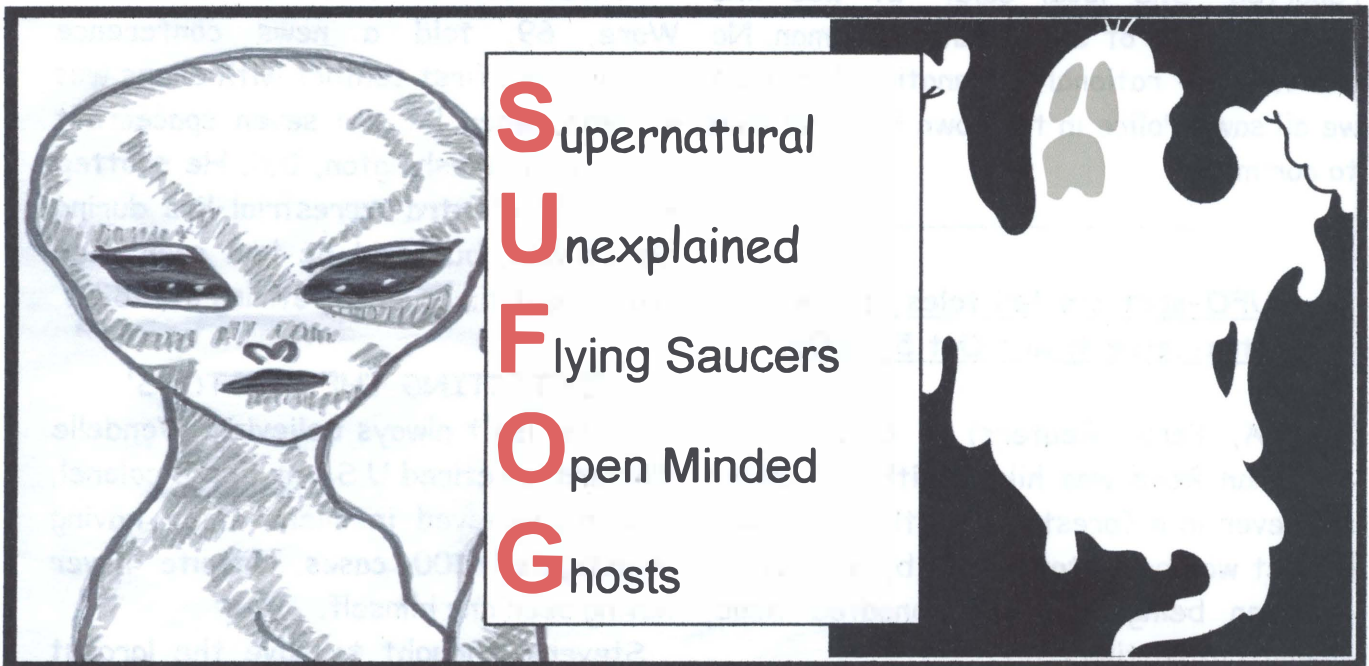
Nationally, during the late 1950's an throughout the 1960's, a larger than average number of 'sightings' were reported, almost one a day, and mostly all originating from around military establishments. A department was created within the M.O.D to deal with sightings made by military personnel only, known as A1 (Technical) 5b. Nearby RAF Farnborough, as it was then, was tasked to assist in the study of UFO sightings, and an undercover team known as shark watchers' was created, probably from RAF staff, who's role was to follow up such sightings and 'join' the UFO clubs and 'get to know' the members.

At the local factory of Marconi's in Frimley, which was involved in electronics and Governmental contracts during the mid 1970's, a site security guard reported seeing a 'alien' form within a building during silent hours. The guard is believed to have not been heard of since his report. This is also the same factory that suffered the many 'suicides' of leading scientists from around this time.

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THE PARANORMAL HAS ARRIVED IN SUFOG...



SUFOG Members make Avebury...

Where were you all???

Yes I know I should have phoned!! Instead I just listened to the forecast and decided it was going to be a nice day. We did actually have a very nice, warm, sunny day:- Lunch at the Barge, a walk along the canal. Then a short drive to Avebury, where we went round gardens, a museum, shops and of course the stones. Oh and watched a cricket match on the village green. About 5.30 pm we drove back to Knapp Hill car park and walked up Walkers Hill, just as we did last year. Only this year most of the fields had been harvested already. Even the big East Field had been partially cut. There was one crop circle left, but the biggest one which luckily we'd walked in a few weeks ago had gone. We spent the next couple of hours walking up Knapp Hill and then sitting by the car, reading and wondering if you'd all turn up!

About 8 pm the sky was a lovely clear blue with just a few clouds round the horizon.

However by 9 pm when it was nearly dark, the cloud cover was increasing with high stratus in part of the sky, although we could see the first stars appearing. About 10 pm we decided to head for home although the sky was still largely clear. It just wasn't the same with only the two of us. We missed the rest of you and our sausages and burgers missed your bar-b-que. Needless to say we didn't see any UFO's.

Superman Spotted In Serbia

Wednesday, August 24, 2005

Serbian authorities are investigating reports of a real-life Superman after people claimed to have seen a cloaked figure flying over their houses.

Hundreds of residents in Ljubovija described seeing a cloaked person flying above buildings "as if he had an invisible engine on his back" and changing

directions while in mid-air, local daily Blic reported. One local said: "It was like something out of Superman or Batman. No one has any rational explanation for what we all saw." Police in the town have refused to comment...

UFO-spotters tell tales of the extra-terrestrial : Oct 5, 2005.

LIMA, Peru (Reuters) - One minute Jonathan Reed was hiking with his golden retriever in a forest in Seattle. The next, his pet was being torn apart by a "gray" -- an alien being with an elongated head, smelling of rotting fruit.

A scene from a sci-fi film? No, maintains Reed, a former child-developmental psychologist who says he took the alien home and lived with it for nine days in which it communicated via telepathy and was able to pull thoughts from his mind.

Reed and others -- including Uruguayan Rafael Ulloa who says aliens in spaceships spirited away people from New York's twin towers in the September 11, 2001, attacks -- gather in Lima this week for a world extra-terrestrial congress.

Peru has long been a mecca for mystics and there have been abundant reports of flying saucers, especially over the southern town of Chilca. Some locals reckon aliens imbued mud springs there with special curative and fertility powers.

The congress, organized by the Alfa y Omega group that believes a fleet of UFOs will fly to Earth at the end of the world and Christ could use one for his second coming, during its October 6-9 run will pore over photos and grainy films of bright flashes and spooky shapes they say point to

alien life forms.

Retired U.S. air force Lt. Col Donald Ware, 69, told a news conference Tuesday his first contact with aliens was in 1953, when he saw seven spacecraft flying over Washington, D.C. He spotted no signs of extra-terrestrial life during his service, but said he had seen alien craft eight times since retiring in 1982.

'DETECTING THE VISITORS'

Seeing isn't always believing. Wendelle Stevens, a retired U.S. Air Force colonel, said he believed in aliens after having investigated 100 cases, despite never having seen any himself.

Stevens, thought to have the largest archive of photographs of alleged UFOs in the world, says he worked from 1947-49 in Alaska with B-29 planes fitted with special scientific instruments to "detect the visitors."

His work there began the year the U.S. military is believed by some to have hushed up two purported crashes of alien spacecraft within a month. The Air Force denies the stories.

Stevens, who said he did not believe in aliens before his work, said it was his job to debrief the crews of the B-29s and recounted how "the radio frequency spectrum went completely haywire ... and the temperature in the airplane increased. (The crew) looked out and there's a disc next door," he said.

He said the crew shot photographs with four different types of camera, but the military suppressed the pictures. No Air Force spokespersons could immediately comment on his remarks.

One of the most unusual testimonies comes from Reed on his 1996 experience

with the alien he came to call Freddie.

Reed, who says he has a bracelet belonging to the extra-terrestrial, said Freddie had skin "almost like that of a pig." It breathed and had red blood, but did not speak. Tests showed he had 46 chromosomes, like humans, but 9 were different and resembled those of dolphins and sea turtles, Reed added.

Aliens enthusiasts and UFO spotters are used to raised eyebrows, ridicule and worse. Reed says he was shot after his alien encounter and blames a "government faction which doesn't want this information out."

But his close encounter with the alien with slanting eyes and a slit mouth "proved to me we are living in a much bigger universe," he said.

earth and landed in the Railway goods yard. I quickly took cover behind some nearby buildings and kept the object under close observation. It did not move or make any sound, but made an awesome sight. After a while I approached the "Thing" and examined it. It was obvious that I should somehow take it to Netley Police Station where further enquiries could be made.

I managed to lift the "Thing" (it was not very heavy) and placed it on the saddle of my cycle, so with one hand on top and the other steering my cycle I made my way back to the Station with my "find". Alarmed, I noticed that with each step I took, the "Thing" appeared to decrease in size, and by the time I got to Netley Police Station it had completely disappeared. Do you wonder why I could never tell anyone!"

Southampton Evening Echo
14th January 1966.

'The Thing' - an ex-PC's story.

I write concerning the article "The Thing" by Peter Chislett in Tuesdays "Echo". May I tell you of a strange occurrence, which, until now, I have not been able to disclose for obvious reasons, but reading this latest article I feel in a much stronger position to tell my story.

It happened in late summer 1963. I was a police constable stationed at Netley Abbey. I had finished my tour of duty and was cycling home. The time was about 2 a.m. As I neared Netley Railway Station, I saw in the sky about 100 yards in front of me, a large orange-red coloured ball, about four feet in diameter. The object came slowly to

K.E. Potheary (ex-Pc)

Source : Southampton Evening Echo
14th January 1966

Andover Advertiser...
16th September 2005.

The above article was sent in by a SUFOG group member which published 2 colour photographs under the heading 'Mystery of the village 'Ghost Girl'.

The first of the 2 images taken near Watery Lane, Upper Clatford shows a puff of smoke. Then, in the second image, what appears to show a girl in a blue and white dress behind a fire. The image was taken six years ago by villager Terry Carr. The girl appears to be in Victorian

styled clothing and appears to be on fire (I looked, and I think it is a girl as described, but sat by the side of the fire.. Editor). Local Andover medium Lynne Hawes is convinced that Terry has captured a ghost on film. She said 'Her hand got hot holding the second image and she feels that the girl died in a house fire aged 6 years old'. Her name was Elizabeth. One local Andover sceptic, Andover photographer Andy Brooks thought that the object to the right of the girl was a fireman. But, he said the sun isn't in the right position to be a reflection and the image has not been digitally manipulated because its film.

Haunted places of Southampton and what you MIGHT encounter...

Netley Hospital, Royal Victoria Country Park, Netley: Grey Lady seen by countless frightened walkers. Said to be the ghost of a young nurse who committed suicide after accidentally killing a patient.

Dolphin Hotel, High Street, Southampton: A cleaner called Molly has been seen gliding across the ground floor.

The Mayflower Theatre, Commercial Road, Southampton: The spectral figure of an old man sits in a wicker chair backstage.

Red Lion, High Street, Southampton. A ghostly procession has been witnessed leaving the pub for the Bargate.

Blue Nurse

Location: Netley - Victoria Military Hospital (no longer standing)

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Date / Time: Pre 1966

Further Comments: One story associated with this ghost stated that she fell in love with a patient, but murdered him and killed herself once she discovered that he was seeing another woman. The ghost has not been reported since demolition of the building. In addition to this spook, a ghostly grey lady would appear to patients who would die a few hours later.

Flower Stealer

Location: Southampton - Delbridge's Florists, Bedford Place

Type: Poltergeist

Date / Time: 1997

Further Comments: Over a six month period, hundreds of carnation blooms were removed from the plants. Security was updated several times, and the floor lightly dusted to detect footprints, though none were ever found. The local police, probably speaking off the cuff, blamed a poltergeist.

Molly

Location: Southampton - Dolphin Hotel, High Street

Type: Haunting Manifestation

Date / Time: Unknown

Further Comments: A former cleaner at the hotel, the shade of Molly is said to always materialise at two in the morning.

News Series looking at ghost sightings in Hampshire...
